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Governor Jan Brewer Announces Arizona Winners of the 2013 National Youth Science Camp Competition

PHOENIX – Governor Jan Brewer today announced that Arizona high school seniors Rupika Kapur and Erica Schwarz have been selected the winners of Arizona's 2013 National Youth Science Camp Competition (NYSC).

At the invitation of West Virginia Governor Earl Ray Tomblin, Ms. Kapur and Ms. Schwarz will participate as delegates in the 50th year of the National Youth Science Camp, held near the National Radio Astronomy Observatory at Green Bank, West Virginia.

Arizona students chosen as alternates include: Savannah Grossarth, Zeynep Ayla, Samantha Vernon and Charlotte Petin.

Established in 1963 as a part of West Virginia's Centennial Celebration, the National Youth Science Camp is an annual summer forum where two delegates representing each state exchange ideas with leading scientists and other professionals from academic and corporate worlds. Delegates to the NYSC are challenged to explore new areas in the biological and physical sciences, art and music with resident staff members. Delegates also present seminars covering their own areas of research and interest.

The National Youth Science Camp's diverse academic program is complemented by an outdoor recreation program, which leverages the Science Camp's location in the Monongahela National Forest. The Science Camp's outdoor program offers backpacking, caving, rock climbing, mountain biking and kayaking.

Ms. Kapur and Ms. Schwarz will fly to Charleston, West Virginia, on Wednesday, June 26, to participate in this nearly month-long camp. They will return home on Saturday, July 20, 2013. The National Youth Science Foundation, based in Charleston, West Virginia, covers all expenses, including travel. More information is available online at www.nysf.com and www.nysc.org.